normally higher than the maximum retail price of urea fixed by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act. Hence, subsidy is given on fertilizer producted to meet the excess cost over the maximum retail price fixed by the Government.

Import duty on life saving drugs

1070. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minster of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that essential life saving drugs that are imported, attract an import duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plan to dismiss any or all import duty on essential life saving drugs that need to be imported and are not manufactured in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) Most of scuh life saving drugs, not manufactured in India, do not attract any custom duty. However, if any such drug attracts duty.there is no proposal at present under consideration to exempt it.

Research Centres for reproductive fluid and tree improvement

†1071. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1430, given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2001 and state:

(a) how many of the 35 afforestation Research Centres are functioning in Uttranchal;

(b) how many of the 200 Research Centres for reproductive fluid and tree improvement through genetics-are functioning in Uttranchal and the location thereof; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.